

REMARKS

In accordance with the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) mailed to Applicant's attorney on November 21, 2006, the proper modifications have been made to Claims 16-19 to now show the claims as being withdrawn. The text of withdrawn claims 16-19 has now been set forth.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants contend that the above-identified application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested.

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